

REMARKS

Claims 4-7, 9-15, 65-70 and 75-88 are pending. Claims 1-3, 8, 14, 16-69 and 71-77 are cancelled. Claims 81 and 86 have been amended to correct a minor typographical error. Claims 15, 70 and 84-88 have been withdrawn. No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants elect to pursue the subject matter of Group I, claims 4-7, 9-13 and 78-83, which are drawn to an antibody that specifically binds a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in a divisional or continuation application. Applicants further intend to rejoin the subject matter of claims 15, 70 and 84-88 upon allowance of subject matter from Group I.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 511582002500.

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